

BOARD OF COUNSELING
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MEETING
August 7, 2009

TIME & PLACE: The Credentials Committee of the Board of Counseling convened at 12:15, Friday, August 7, 2009 at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Board Room 2, Richmond, Virginia.

PRESIDING: Mary Lou Argow, Co-Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lou Argow
Johnston Brendel, Ed.D.
Eric McCollum, Ph.D.
Vivian Sanchez-Jones
John Penn Turner

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Donnie Conner, Ph.D.
Patricia Mullen
Linda K. Seeman, Ph.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Howard Casway, Sr. Assistant Attorney General
Diana Pollick, Operations & Compliance Manager

DISCUSSION TOPICS: Maximum/Minimum Number of Internship Direct Client Contact that can be Applied Towards the Residency: Regulation 18VAC115-20-51(A)13) states that a supervised internship of 600 hours to include 240 hours of face-to-face contact is required, but it is not stated whether this is a maximum number. A discussion took place resulting in the Committee coming to consensus that this regulation needs to be examined by the Regulatory Committee. Dr. McCollum made a motion to reconsider the guidance document language drafted at the June 5, 2009 meeting and to forward this issue to the Regulatory Committee for possible regulatory change. Mr. Turner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Review of Non-Routine Transcript: Transcripts verifying a Masters in "Urban Guidance/Counseling have recently been received with Licensed Professional Counseling (LPC) Registration of Supervision contracts. A review of the transcripts and discussion took place. It was the decision of the Credentials Committee to inform applicants with this degree that Regulation 18VAC-115-30-40 clearly states the educational requirements for licensure, and that this degree and coursework does not meet the requirements as set forth by Regulations.

Use of Additional Residency Hours in Lieu of Internship Shortages: Board staff requested clarification regarding the December 31, 2010 cut off date for this allowance. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Committee that requests received up to December 31, 2010 would be honored.

REVIEW OF
APPLICATIONS:

Upon a motion made by Mr. Turner and duly seconded by Ms. Argow the Committee voted to convene in closed session pursuant to §2.2-3711(4) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of reviewing applications for licensure. Additionally, he moved that Evelyn Brown, Patricia Larimer, Howard Casway and Diana Pollick attend the closed session because their presence in the closed session was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations.

RECONVENE:

Having certified that matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3711(4) of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Charles McAdams, Ed.D., Co-Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director